Rec: April 14th
Ans April 25

Augusta Hancock Co Illinois Ap 10. 1851

My Dear Sir,

I received notice by mail of a package of plants having been sent from Pennsylvania for me to Lyon. Shorb & Co St Louis. with a request that they be delivered to you. The letter was mailed March 20th ult. If you have had no notice of their arrival, please when convenient call for them, & send to Quincy as you have heretofore done -

If any expense on them, please inform me what it is & I will remit it by mail

Yours truly

S B Mead

P.S. Mr James Stark is expecting to go to St Louis next week & will call at Lyons & Co for whatever may be there for me, so that you may let the package remain till after next week unless you have a good chance to send to Quincy Ill without delay. Mr Stark expects to be in St Louis next Thursday 17th) inst & be there a day or two

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Augusta Ill

Doct^r George Engelmann

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Rec^d Ap^l 25

Augusta Hancock Co Illinois
April 22. 1851

My Dear Sir.

Mr Stark did not get the package for me at Messrs Lyon, Shorb & Co iron or Hard Ware Merchants of St Louis. The package I expected had not arrived, but he was informed that there was one at this house for me which had been there for several years; & said he would bring it down to the Store at the Landing. but he left before he had time to get it.

Will you please when convenient call for it & also the other one when it arrives & send when you have a good opportunity to Quincy to H. Miers

Yours very truly
S B Mead

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Augusta Ill

Doctr G. Engelmann
St Louis
Mo

Recd May 15th
Ans May 28

Augusta Hancock Co Illinois May 2. 1851

My Dear Sir,

Your letter of Ap. 25 ult is received to day in which you inform me of the arrival of the expected package for me. When Mr Stark was there one of the firm of Lyon, Shorb, & Co informed him that no package had lately arrived (at that time) but that there was one at his house for me & had been there some few years so that must be the package which I supposed was lost. Porter sent it by a son of Lyon if I recollect right from Pennsylvania, who promised him to leave with you.

If you did not receive that package which would make two with the one from McMinn, I would be glad if you would make enquiry about it & get it. I do not suppose there would be any freight on this one as Porter expected he would deliver it on his account I send enclosed the amount of freight you paid for me

I would like to receive any plants you can send me especially any of my desiderata given you sometime ago –

Yours very truly

S B Mead

I had to trim this letter to lessen it to half ounce

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Dr George Engelmann
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Rec^d June 9th

Augusta Hancock C^o Illinois June 4. 1851

My Dear Sir,

Your letter of May 28 ult is received. I sent in my letter of May 2^d which you received $2.35 the amount paid on that package you sent me from Lyon, Shorb & Co. I suppose it was received tho' you did not name it.

Mr James Stark Merchant of this place in March or about the 1st of April ulto. called at the firm of Lyon Shorb & Co to enquire for that package you sent, but had not then reached St Louis. Mr Stark was informed by some Gentleman at that firm, that no package for me had been recently received for me, but that there was one at his house & had been there for several years which must be the package which Rev T. C. Porter sent me. I have looked over his letters & I find he (Thos C. Porter) writes in his letter to me of Sept 27 1847. that he had an opportunity of sending for me to St Louis Mo a package by a friend of his, J. Calhoun Stewart, who resided there. & he requested him to leave the parcel with Dr Engelmann (but he probably forgot it)

He also wrote that this friend of his was a son of one of the firm of Lyon, Shorb & Co. Iron dealers.

He further informed me that his letters were directed to the care of Mr Alfred Vinton. St Louis.

The cause of Mr Stark not then getting the package was, that he left sooner than he expected. The Gentleman who informed him of the package, promised to bring it down to the Store for him.

If you can conveniently call again at Lyon, Shorb & Co please give them the above information, as I would like to get the parcel.

I wrote a letter enquiring for of this package to this firm afterwards but could hear nothing from them. I will write again directing the letter to your care.

Yours very truly

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Recd May 1st
Ans May 7th

Augusta Hancock Co Illinois Ap 24. 1852

My Dear Sir,

I received by mail today a letter from Dr Short, informing me of his sending to your care a parcel of plants for me. You may leave in care of Mr Meier Hardware Merchant St Louis & his brother in Quincy Illinois will take charge of it for me when he has things sent to him, so that I will get it after a while.

Perhaps you have some things to send me which I might get at the same time.

In your letter sometime ago you speak of sending me some things from Lindheimer's last collection

Perhaps you may have some more European plants to spare —

Yours very truly

S B Mead

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Recd May 13

Augusta Hancock Co Illinois May 7. 1852

My Dear Sir,

Mr Hermann H Meier of Quincy wished me to inform you concerning the Herbarium of the late Dr Woebeker as I was somewhat acquainted with it. I made some exchanges with him & looked over his Herbarium for the purpose of selecting such species as I had not already received before.

The plants are in paper 12 inches long & 7 or 8 inches wide they are small specimens, mostly European.

I suppose there must be over 1000 species perhaps more. They are put in bundles arranged according to the artificial classes of Linneus. There are duplicates of several species. I think they are correctly named I exchanged some 400 or 500 species with him. which would probably increase the whole number that much.

Most of the specimens are in good order, tho' some are injured by insects. but they are small & not such beautifully preserved plants as you have from Lindheimer, Fendler &c

I do not suppose there is any thing new to you among them.

As to the price or value I do not know what it ought to be, you are a better judge of that than I am, if you should see them, I advised Mr Meier to take one or two bundles of them to you so that you could examine them

He expects some goods up to Quincy the beginning of the week, when I would probably get my bundle from you

Yours very truly

S B Mead

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May 19

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J B Mead PM
Augusta Ga

Dotr George Engelmann
St Louis
Mo

Recd Dec 15

Ans Jan 10th

Augusta Hancock Co Illinois Dec 6. 1852

My Dear Sir,

I received to day your letter of Dec 1st inst

I have had no opportunity to send to Quincy yet. the travelling has been so bad, but Mr Skinner merchant of this place went to St Louis about the date of your letter & I requested him to call for the parcel at A. Meier & bring it me if it was still there. I expect I can get it from Quincy as soon as the mud dries up

I received your pamphlet on Cacti &c on which 2 cts postage was prepaid. I now enclose the amount prepaid. & when you have any papers or pamphlets please prepay the postage & when I acknowledge the receipt of them I will remit the amount prepaid My letters under half ounce come free -

Did Fendler collect any thing at the Isthmus?

Have you any specimens of Wrights plants to spare? If I could select such as I have not I would like to purchase - such as Lindheimer can not send me.

I thank you for the pamphlets

Yours very Truly

S B Mead

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Rec^d Jan 22

Augusta Hancock Co Illinois Jan 18. 1853

My Dear Sir

To days mail brought me your letter of 10th inst. Porters plants I have received & am much pleased with them

I would like Fendlers Isthmus plants (but I do not wish them sent back from England) If any are left here which I have not before received from him, or Lindheimer, I will take them;

Yours very truly

S B Mead

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Ans. 24 May

Augusta Hancock Co Illinois April 23d 1853

Dear Sir,

I received a letter from Dr Short informing me that he had sent a parcel of plants for me to your care. Perhaps Mr Meirs at the hardware store might have an opportunity to send soon to Quincy to care of Doctr Stahl. or by any other safe hand if you have a good opportunity.

Yours very truly

S B Mead

Geo A Miller
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Rec'd May 14
Ans May 24

Augusta Hancock Co Illinois May 12 1853

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My Dear Sir,

I suppose you still have the package of plants sent by Dr Hale last Fall for me
When you have added such as you can send me you may send to me by American Express.
to Augusta Hancock Co Illinois by way of Quincy,
The rail road cars pass thro this place.
I would like for you to send me a letter a day or two before sending the package so that I can be on the lookout for it at the cars at the Rail Road

Yours Truly

S B Mead

Dr George Engelmann

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Rec'd Aug 18th

Augusta Hancock Co Illinois
Aug 14. 1855

My Dear Sir,

I received the parcel of plants you was so kind as to send me by Mr Jackson this morning I am very much pleased with them, & find some 14 species among them new to me.

I would like to get more of these plants from the upper Missouri & Yellow Stone.

I received the plants from Dr Short soon after you sent them to Quincy & I wrote Dr Short soon after I received them

Yours very truly

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Rec: Jan 10:
Ans Jan 15

Augusta Hancock Co Illinois Jan 2. 1856

My Dear Sir.

I received a letter sometime ago from Dr. Hale informing me, that he put on board the Steamer Winslow (Nov 1st) a small box of Plants directed to me "Care of Dr George Engelmann St Louis. Mo". I suppose you have received it before this as the Rivers navigation is closed, you will not have an opportunity to send till the river navigation commences in the Spring, you may then send, when a good chance offers to Quincy Illinois – If left with Coates, Hedges & Co Quincy. I would get it –

Perhaps you may have some specimens to send –

I would like to see the Geological Reports of the State of Missouri if you could get a copy sent me, without much trouble –

I collected a few specimens last season of Fraxinus quadrangulata, growing about 10 miles from this place

Yours very truly

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Recd Febr 29

Augusta Hancock Co Illinois Jan 28. 1856

My Dear Sir,

Your letter of 15th inst is received. I enclose one dollar (gold). I shall be glad to see the addition of Western plants to Dr Hales. It will be better not to send the plants to Quincy till March when the navigation commences again

Mr Lapham wrote me about Illinois Plants which I have answered

Would like a copy of the Missouri Geological Report

I have no specimens of the following European Carices of Tuckerman's Enumeratio

Carex gynocrates Wormsk, C. pyrenaica, C. microglochin. C. obtusata
C. rupestris, C. brizoides, C. Boenninghauseniana. C. microstachya C. Gaudiana
C. grypos. C. bracteosa, C. leiorhyncha, C. nitolia, C. appressa, C. echinochloe. C. Indica
C. filicina, C. myosurus, C. gracilis C. divisa, C. schoenoides, C. physodes, C. fetida
C. axillaris, C. loliacea. C. hyperborea. C. perryana, C. clavaeformis. C. hematolepis
C. laxa, C. holostoma, C. nigra, C. aterrima, C. magellanica C. Mertensii, C. ustulata
C. cariophora, C. cruenta. C. frigida. C. fuliginosa. C. Franklinii, C. ferruginea C. fusiformis
C. Ecklonii. C. punctata, C. diluta, C. rotundata, C. Houghtonii C. melanostachya
C. citrea C. evoluta. C. Griolettii, C. globularis C. macrolepis C. approximata C. Schiediana
C. complanata C. Brownii C. pedata, C. pediformis &c Perhaps you may have some of these

You sent me grasses, but I have no specimens of the following European grasses
from Loudon's Encyclopedia
Lygeum spartum, Cornucopiae, Pennisetum, Paspalum, Axonopus. Milium paradoxum
& cerulescens & frutescens, Knappia, Digitaria, Panicum. Setaria verticillata &c
Orthopogon undulatifolius. Penicillaria. Stipa. Gastridium muticum. Agrostis verticillata &
Calamagrostis Trichodium setaceum, Tristegis. Sporobolus. Crypsis schoenoides, Alopecurus bulbosus
A. nigricans Phleum felinum Achnodonton. Chilochloa Boehmeri. Phalaris cerulescens, bulbosa
& semineutra, Aira laevigata, media, pulchella. Avena brevis, orientalis, nuda, sterilis Trisetum striatum, planiculme
& loefflingianum, Arundo stricta, sylvatica Chrysurus aureus, Sesleria, tenella, sphaerocephala Koeleria hispida
& tuberosa, pubescens, Dactylis. Festuca. Bromus. Schismus, Melica bauhini, pyramidalis
Poa, Leptochloa. Cynodon linearis, Dinebra, Triticum compositum, polonicum, monococcum
T. squarrosum, rigidum, cristatum, zea & elongatum Lolium tenue, Elymus, Hordeum zeocriton,
Ophiurus, Microchloa, Monerma Perotis, Heteropogon Olyra

You sent me grasses before, but perhaps you have some more.

Yours truly
S B Mead

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Augusta Ill

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Dr George Englemann
St Louis
MO

When you find a chance to send —
I can get the parcel from any safe place in Quincy. Ill. Druggist or
or J. C. Dayton's Bookstore &c —

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Rec— ~~July~~ July 26th

Augusta Hancock Co Illinois
July 23. 1856

My Dear Sir,

I have put up some Carices for Mr Böckeler, in a parcel enclosed in one directed to you

I have sent you about one hundred duplicate specimens of Carex Richardsonii R. Br. as it is very rare, I supposed you might use them to advantage for yourself & me in exchange for other rare European Carices. I want to obtain the rare plants. I have many European plants, but perhaps are those most common

I enclose a list of Carices desired selected from Tuckermann's Enumeration & Persoon's Synopsis — any new or rare plant will be desirable

I hope you may be able to add a few Nebraska plants to my package from Dr Hale. I have not succeeded in obtaining Carex Houghtonii — &c

I send by American Express tonight & Paid charges

Yours very truly

S B Mead

Chara coronata Ziz a form very
similar to the Europe form Peoria

Nitella glomerulifera A Braun Augusta S Mead

Rec^d May 11th
Ans June 13

Augusta Hancock Co Illinois May 8. 1860

My Dear Sir.

I owe an apology for not writing before, I had been my intention to write you every week until now; but one thing & another has prevented me.

I am under obligations to you for your Cactaceae in the U. S. & Mexican Boundary Survey also for a No of the Transactions of the Academy of Nat. Science St Louis. containing your arrangement of ~~[illegible]~~ Cuscutae. which I was glad to see.

Have Lindheimer's plants & Fendler's been determined yet, beyond the Compositae?

I was not aware that you had returned from Europe till I saw the publication you was so kind as to send me.

Before you left for Europe you wrote about sending me some more Yellow Stone &c plants collected by Mr Hayden &c also some European Grasses Have you got them still? Could I get from you any more plants in exchange for others growing here? Have you any Carices. &c &c

I would be pleased to hear from you at any time you find it convenient to write.

I remain yours
very truly
S. B. Mead

George Engelman M.D.,
St Louis
Mo

Recd Febr 22d
Ans Sept 14

Augusta Hancock Co Illinois
Feb 19. 1862

My Dear Sir,

Your letter a year or more ago was received in due course of mail. But I have been trying to get hold of the Pacific Rail Road Report. I have not yet succeeded, tho' I now have the promise of one Volume of the Botany. From your letter however I conclude that it will be difficult to decide some of the plants as they are so mixed up with other collections. It is not in my way to visit Dr Torrey or Dr Gray, so as to get access to their Herbarium.

I should like very much to get the authentic names of those I have of Fendler, Lindheimer, & Gordon &c. If you could possibly help me to their true names, I should feel under great obligation to you.

I am no longer P.M. As to the Oaks, I have not met with any thing new lately.

I received a few plants new to me from Dr Vasey. Bebb. Hale &c

Yours very truly
S. B. Mead

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Rec^d June 8th

Augusta Hancock Co Illinois
June 6th 1866

My Dear Sir,

Your letter is received & I was glad to hear from you. A day or two since I received a copy of your "Transactions" containing your revision of the Junci; for which I am under obligations to you.

I have lately removed from my old home to a new one & my Plants are packed up so that just now I can not very well get at them. but after a little time I will attend to them & send you all the different species for revision. I do not know whether I can find that one again, which you think we called Juncus acuminatus. It was in a pond in the Prairie some 8 miles from here. I do not think I have found any thing new very lately.

I would be pleased to hear from you at any time whenever it would be convenient for you

Yours truly

S B Mead

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Recd July 18
Ans Aug 29

Augusta Hancock Co Illinois
July 16th 1866

My Dear Sir,

I have now sent by express prepaid all my american Junci which I have at hand for your revision, I regret that it was necessary for me to delay sending so long. When you have finished the examination of them, you can return to me by Express.

I have not collected any Plants lately, but I am interested in examining new Plants, Some of Lindheimer & Fendlers Plants. I have not been able to see the names as determined by any one.

Yours very truly

S B Mead

Dr. George Engelman
St Louis Mo.

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Recd May 13

Augusta Hancock Co Illinois May 11. 1867

My Dear Sir,

Your favor of 8th inst. is received. I thank you for the names of Fendler & Lindheimer's plants. The Junci which you were so good as to revise & name for me were duly received. & I would be glad to receive such specimens of Junci when you get them ready for distribution, as I have not in my herbarium. When you finish your revision of the Junci, I wish to obtain a copy. I would like the California species of Junci that are not found East & here,

Yours very truly

S. B. Mead

Dr. George Engelmann

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Ans. Cambridge Apr. 21

Augusta Hancock Co Illinois.
April 10th 1868

Dr G. Engelmann

My Dear Sir,

Your parcel of Juncorum for me was received this morning, for which I thank you. I am much pleased with the Junci, Your Juncous paper I will be very glad to see: & for it many thanks will be due you.

Please say to Prof. A. Gray. I sent his letter to me to Dr F. Brendel, Peoria as I did not think I could furnish the Medicinal plants without breaking in on my regular Herbarium

Yours very truly
S. B. Mead.

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Recd April 18
Ans — 22

Augusta Hancock Co Illinois April 15. 1871

My Dear Sir

, Several years ago I sent a parcel of Carices to your care when you went to Europe for Boeckeler & I have never heard any thing from them. Has he not published something on the Cyperaceae? I hoped to get a few European Carices for them. Have you any which I could get some specie which I have not, or some European gramineae? Any of which I have no specimens I would be glad to obtain for others I may have or may collect here.

I would like to fill up the gaps in my Herbarium of the U. States plants I would like to obtain a few from the Southern States in Exchange if there ar any Botanists wishing to get others from this region. Do you know of any one in Louisiana, Mississippi, alabama, Tennessee or Georgia with whom I could exchange a few?. I do not know what has become of the Ba Botanist in the South.

Mr Hall writes me he expects to leave early in May for Oregon.
Could I get the California carices from any one?.
I do not collect much now only in my immediate vicinity.
I have not attended much to my Botany lately. but have now more leisure & am reviewing my Herbarium.

Yours very truly
S. B. Mead

Dr Geo. Engelmann

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Letter May 1867

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Rec'd Aug 29

Augusta Hancock Co Illinois
August 26. 1871

My Dear Sir,

Your letter of 25th inst is recd. Scutellaria nervosa I have some specimens in my Herbarium, but they were collected in May 1842 at Warsaw & I do not find any seed in it. I have collected it along Crooked creek 8 to 10 miles from this place rather sparingly some years ago I have not visited these localities for several years. Civilization has made sad havoc among some of the plants that were formerly abundant here.

I expect to go in a few days to Warsaw & I will bear it in mind & look for it & if possible secure the seeds. I am afraid however it is too late. & if I succeed in finding any, will send to Dr Gray.

I would be glad of any rare 2d Texan plants which I have not before received.

Yours very truly

S. B. Mead

Dr Geo. Engelmann

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